

**Department of Historic Resources  
Reconnaissance Level Survey**

**Accomack**

**DHR Id#: 001-0027-0007**

**Resource Identification**

Property Name(s): ..... WFF # B-031 - General Warehouse Storage  
Building {Current}  
Property Date: ..... 1944  
Address(s): ..... O'Reilly Street {}  
County/Independent City: Accomack  
City: ..... Chincoteague  
State, Zip: ..... Virginia 23337  
USGS Quad Name: ..... CHINCOTEAGUE WEST  
Surrounding area: ..... Rural

**National Register Eligibility Status**

Property is Historic (50 years or older)

**Resource Description**

Ownership Status: ..... Public - Federal  
Acreage: ..... 0.5

**Primary Resource Exterior Component Description:**

<u>Component</u>	<u>Comp Type/Form</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Material Treatment</u>
Foundation	Foundation - Slab	Concrete	Foundation - Poured
Porch	Porch - None		
Roof	Roof - Gable	Steel	Roof - Corrugated
Chimneys	Chimneys - None		
Structural System	Structural System - Masonry	Brick	Structural System - 5-course American
Windows	Windows - Sash, double-hung	Aluminum	Windows - Replacement Sash
Windows	Windows - Fixed/Sash	Aluminum	Windows - Replacement Sash

Site Description: ..... Located on level ground south and west of the runways, the structure is surrounded by parking lots.

**WUZIT Count:**

<u>No.</u>	<u>Wuzit Types</u>	<u>Historic?</u>
1	Warehouse	Historic

**NR Resource Count:**

**Individual Resource Information**

WUZIT: ..... Warehouse

Est. Date of Construction: .... 1944 {Owner/written data}      Accessed? ..... Yes  
Primary Resource? ..... Yes      Number of Stories: ..... 1.0  
Architectural Style: ..... Other      Condition: ..... Good  
Interior Plan Type: ..... Other      Threats to Resource: ..... None Known

Description: The building has a poured concrete slab foundation and a minimally pitched gable roof covered with corrugated steel panels. The top section of the brick walls, laid in 5-1 common bond, are covered by modern corrugated metal panels that extend down from the roof. Metal vent panels are located on each side of the metal covering. A small, concrete block, shed roof entry addition projects from the northwest elevation; a tall aluminum vent pipe extends from the roof of the addition above the roof of the main block. Windows include fixed and casement aluminum replacement sash and single and paired one-over-one double hung vinyl replacement sashes. All windows have been replaced. Two aluminum roll top doors are located on the northwest and southeast elevations that open directly across from one another. Other doors include single and paired steel doors with long rectangular fixed-pane windows or square, fixed-pane windows. All doors have been replaced.

**Cemetery Information**

**Bridge Information**

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***National Register Eligibility Information***

*Historic Context(s):* ..... Military/Defense

*Historic Time Period(s):*..... Q- World War I to World War II (1914-1945)

*Significance Statement:* This one-story brick building was built in 1944 and was known as the Storehouse, serving as a general storage warehouse, as it does currently. This building was designated as the "Storehouse" on a 1944 facility map entitled "General Plot Plan – Auxiliary Air Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" by Giffels and Valet, Engineers and Architects, Detroit, Michigan. Its function was identified as the "Supply Department Offices" on the 1953 "Station Development Map – Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Naval Aviation Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" by the U.S. Navy. The building is located on the northern side of the Wallops Flight Facility (WFF) main base, directly south of the Air Traffic Control Operations Building (001-0027-0001, WFF #A-1), near the intersection of Jensen and O'Reilly Streets.

This simple, utilitarian building is an example of a secondary resource type associated with an Military/Defense property constructed at the end of the World War I to II (1917-1945) period. The building was constructed as part of the Chincoteague Naval Auxiliary Air Station (CNAAS). Established in 1943, CNAAS was used as a training base for Navy aircraft carrier squadrons that would be serving in the Pacific theater of World War II, and to enable Civil Air Patrol to conduct antisubmarine operations off the Atlantic coast. In 1946, the U.S. Navy expanded the mission of CNAAS to include the Naval Air Ordnance Test Station (NAOTS). By 1949, the U.S. Navy discontinued aircraft carrier training and in 1951 CNAAS became a Naval Air Facility, with a primarily research-based mission that corresponded with the mission of NAOTS until the base was closed in 1959. In 1959, the ownership of CNAAS was transferred to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and was renamed Wallops Station. The building has essentially retained its original use throughout its history on the base.

The General Warehouse Storage Building has been evaluated both as a contributing resource in a historic district and as an individual resource. Issues of significance, integrity, and district boundaries were carefully considered. A proposed district comprising this resource lacks integrity of design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association due to the removal of the majority of buildings from the period of significance (1936 to 1959) and the construction of later buildings. Thus a historic district here is not eligible under Criterion A, B, C, or D.

The resource is not eligible for listing in the National Register or the Virginia Landmarks Register under Criterion A, B, C, or D. It is not associated with any event or individual significant at the local, state or national level; it does not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represent the work of a master, or possess high artistic values, or represent a significant or distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; nor does this property have the potential for providing additional information in history or prehistory.

The resource has lost its integrity due to alterations to the resource and its setting. The resource's integrity of design, materials, and workmanship has been adversely affected by replacement of the building's doors and windows and the introduction of modern corrugated metal panels that extend down from the roof. Although remaining in its historic location, the building's integrity of setting, feeling, and association has been adversely affected by the changes made to the surrounding setting of the base of which it was a part; by 2004, the majority of buildings of this period have been demolished, changing the historic character of the physical environment of the building's historic context.

***Bibliographic Documentation***

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*Reference #: 1*

*Bibliographic RecordType:* ..... Map

*Author:* ..... U.S. Navy

*Citation Abbreviation:* .....

*Notes:* ..... "Map of Navy Auxiliary Air Station and Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia."  
1950.

*Reference #: 2*

*Bibliographic RecordType:* ..... Map

*Author:* ..... Giffles and Valet

*Citation Abbreviation:* .....

*Notes:* ..... Giffels and Valet, Engineers and Architects, Detroit, Michigan. "General Plot Plan – Auxiliary  
Air Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1942.

*Reference #: 3*

*Bibliographic RecordType:* ..... Map

*Author:* ..... U.S. Navy

*Citation Abbreviation:* .....

*Notes:* ..... "Station Development Map – Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Naval Aviation Ordnance Test  
Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1953.

**Ownership Information**

**Graphic Media Documentation**

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**Cultural Resource Management (CRM) Events**

*CRM Event # 1,*

*Cultural Resource Management Event:* ..... Reconnaissance Survey

*Date:* ..... 2003/08/08

*Organization or Person:* ..... URS Group

*VDHR Project ID # Associated with Event:* .. 2003-0571

*CRM Event Notes or Comments:* ..... 7101 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 700  
Bethesda, MD 20814

*CRM Event # 2,*

*Cultural Resource Management Event:* ..... Reconnaissance Survey

*Date:* ..... 2004/07/99

*Organization or Person:* ..... URS Group

*VDHR Project ID # Associated with Event:* .. 2003-0571

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Gaithersburg, MD 20878